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29 MAY 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Ground Satellite Division, KPG
Office of Development and Engineering

ATTENTION: Chief, Terrestrial Communications Segment

FROM: [REDACTED]
Director, PHOTINT Tasking Office

SUBJECT: Request for Priority Allocation of STU II Equipment
to PHOTINT Tasking Office, Intelligence Community Staff

1. This memorandum is to follow up a conversation between [REDACTED] of your organization and [REDACTED] of my staff relative to the need by the PHOTINT Tasking Office (PTO) of the Intelligence Community Staff for STU II dedicated secure link equipment. PTO has an urgent, immediate requirement for the allocation of two units and would like to be included in the initial procurement phase. We would welcome the opportunity to participate in the test phase of this equipment. The Intelligence Community Staff has allocated [REDACTED] of FY 82 funds to procure two STU II units [REDACTED] at this time. [REDACTED]

2. PTO's total requirement is for four (4) STU II units. These units will be located at the [REDACTED] CIA Headquarters; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Based on the production rate of approximately 100 units per month and the sizeable government-wide requirement, we realize the need to prioritize requirements. Our immediate first priority requirement is for two (2) units, one to be located at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] A unit at [REDACTED] is our second priority, with the unit to be located at CIA Headquarters being third (fourth unit). Additional funds will be programmed in FY 83 for the remaining two units. [REDACTED]

3. A dedicated secure telephone link from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] is essential for efficient, prompt conduct of PTO's responsibility for pre-mission planning of [REDACTED] operations, and [REDACTED] the up-to-date, timely, daily tasking of ad hoc and special requirements. To be able to accomplish responsive planning and tasking, [REDACTED]

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PTO operations personnel located at the [redacted] must be able
to communicate immediately and extensively several times daily with [redacted]
personnel. The operational importance, frequency, length, and priority
of these calls dictate the need for dedicated point-to-point secure tele-
phone service (such as the STU II system) to assure prompt communication
without preemption. The additional units, to be located at [redacted]
Headquarters, will serve the Director, PTO, in times of crisis or other
urgent tasking situations and will also serve as backup devices in case
of failure of the one located at the [redacted]

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